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TAGS: ETRD, UNCTAD

SUBJECT: UNCTAD: SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF TDB -

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO TDB

REF: GENEVA 1503

1. THE US DELEGATION TO THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE TDB SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING IN RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REPORTED REFTEL THAT UNCTAD SYG WILL BE PROPOSING TO THIS SESSION THAT THE SCOPE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE OTHER MATTERS THAN COMMODITIES.

2. DELEGATION SHOULD ALSO RESPOND, EITHER INFORMALLY OR FORMALLY, AS THE SITUATION DICTATES, TO THE QUESTION OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND SPECIFICALLY TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT ISAIAH FRANK, THE US MEMBER, MAY NOT BE REAPPOINTED. THE ISSUE OF APPOINTMENT WILL NOT OFFICIALLY ARISE UNTIL THE SECOND

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PART OF THE 14TH SESSION OF THE BOARD IN APRIL-

HOWEVER WE FEEL IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO ATTEMPT TO HANDLE THE ISSUE OF US MEMBER AND FRANK'S RE-APPOINTMENT PRIOR TO THE APRIL MEETING.

3. UNDER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPECIFIED IN TDB RESOLUTION 8(1)) THERE ARE SIX MEMBERS, TO BE APPOINTED ACCORDING TO CERTAIN

CRITERIA. THESE MEMBERS SERVE IN THE CAPACITY OF EXPERTS AND HAVE A THREE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT; FRANK SERVES AS A PERSON OF WIDE EXPERIENCE IN THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING COUNTRIES UNDERGOING DEVELOPMENT WHOSE ECONOMICS ARE PRIMARY DEPENDENT ON THE PRODUCTION AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETING OF PRIMARY COMMODITIES." FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND ON MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION, DEL SHOULD REFER TO POSITION PAPER BOOK FOR 14TH TDB AGENDA ITEM 12(F).

4. THE COMMITTEE IS A BODY OF INDEPENDENT EXPERTS WHICH SERVES AS AN ADVISORY BODY TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT AND EXPLORES GENERAL COMMODITY POLICY ISSUES. THE COMMITTEE'S REPORTS BECOME, IN TURN, PART OF THE DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES. THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL CRITICISMS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHIN GROUP B, BECAUSE CERTAIN OBSERVATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS IN ITS REPORTS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED TO GO "TOO FAR". THE US HAS OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF AN INDEPENDENT EXPERT GROUP IF MEMBERS, FREEDOM TO EXPRESS THEIR PERSONAL VIEWS WERE RESTRICTED. THE US CONSIDERS THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE A USEFUL ADJUNCT TO THE SECRETARIAT AND THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES.

5. ALTHOUGH REFTTEL INDICATES COREA THINKS WELL OF FRANK, FRANK HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM COREA IMPLYING THAT HE WILL NOT BE REAPPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE. FRANK DESIRES TO CONTINUE AS A MEMBER. THE US CONSIDERS A US MEMBER IMPORTANT FOR THE PROPER BALANCE OF THE COMMITTEE. WE BELIEVE THAT FRANK WOULD BE A VERY USEFUL MEMBER OF ANY NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE; THE US DELEGATION SHOULD INDICATE TO COREA THAT WE WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIKE TO BE CONSULTED PARTICULARLY IF IT IS HIS INTENTION NOT TO RENOMINATE FRANK. FURTHER, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT MEMBERS FROM DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ON THE COMMITTEE, AND THAT ONE SHOULD BE FROM THE US.

6. WITH REGARD TO EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE, TH US DEL -MAY INDICATE AT ITS DISCRETION THAT WE DO

NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS APPROPRIATELY DISCUSSED  
IN THIS SPECIAL SESSION, SINCE IT WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA  
AND GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY DETAILS AS TO  
WHAT THE SEC GEN HAS IN MIND. SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD  
MORE APPROPRIATELY BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA OF THE  
15TH SESSION OF THE TDB AND DOCUMENTATION DISTRIBUTED  
ON THE SUBJECT PRIOR TO THE 15TH SESSION TO PERMIT  
ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION BY GOVERNMENTS. INGERSOLL

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